



THE BISHOP'S LETTER

MARCH, 1945

A Message to the Communicants of the Diocese of Northern Indiana

Where Is
The
Pastoral
Staff?

The Pastoral Staff has gone to war. Due to war time stress and strain, it was decided that a monthly letter from the Bishop's Office, keeping the Diocese up to date must serve as a substitute for the Staff for the rest of this year. Here it is, and it will save \$300 of the Budget from now until summer. Will every reader tell another communicant about this? If possible, will you send or take a copy from your church to someone else? This is going to be distributed only in bundles to each parish and mission.

Bishop
and
Council
Meeting

The Bishop and Council is to meet at St. James', South Bend on March 13 from 11 A.M. through lunch. Among the matters to be considered is the new set-up of the church in East Chicago, the 1945 allotment of money to the National Church, and the Howe Summer Conference. Our missions quota to the National Church for 1944 was \$4,207, which we overpaid, due to the gift of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Children's Lenten Offering of \$1,956. This year we are asked to give \$4,597. We doubt if we can make the increase, but faith and prayer will do a great deal, and I hope for the best!

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Father
Deloria's
Visit

The Field Department had The Rev. Vine Deloria, son of a Priest who was a Sioux Indian Chief, in the Diocese for the week of February 18. Everyone who heard him was moved by his magnetic appeal to understand the Indian work. Incidentally, he told us that the offering to the National Church last year from the Indians of the Missionary District of South Dakota was \$7,500. Were our faces red!

Visits
to
Calumet
Deanery

The Calumet Deanery was my host for a series of inspiring visits in February. At St. Paul's, Hammond, on February 4, I confirmed fifteen people at a service where Father Langendorff celebrated his last Eucharist after 24 years as Rector. I learned of the lovely reception given to the Langendorffs at which Mr. S. C. Higgins presented the retiring Rector with a parish gift of \$600, a tribute to the high esteem in which he is held. Father Langendorff was also made Rector-Emeritus. My first visit to St. Gregory's Priory preceded my appointments to confirm in Hobart and St. Augustine's, Gary. Ash Wednesday night I preached at Michigan City and conducted a study class two Monday nights in Barker Hall and confirmed a large class on March 11. A day spent at Christ Church, Gary found me at a luncheon meeting of the younger men of the parish and at an afternoon organization meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. After dinner with Father and Mrs. Foster, I met with the Vestry. I found the whole atmosphere forward looking, with everyone on his toes for the Church's work. On the first Sunday in Lent I visited the Good Shepherd, East Chicago, and confirmed a class of 8. The service was followed by a parish dinner at which I am told 75 sat down. It was a happy gathering and a discussion of the future work in East Chicago was enlightening.

In the
South
Bend
Deanery

On Shrove Tuesday night the "Questers" of St. John's, Elkhart sponsored a parish dinner honoring Mrs. Mallett and me. A men's quartet sang and a film was shown indicating the use of movies in visual education. On March 7 St. James' Vestry, South Bend, had me as a guest for supper and for their meeting. On two Sunday afternoons I talked on the Sacraments at the Pro-Cathedral, Mishawaka. So you see I keep busy and get around.

My space is used up! Be looking for the April letter.

+ REGINALD MALLET



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The Annual Council The focal point of the Diocese is the Annual Meeting of the Council, May 2 at Plymouth. We have been given a permit by the OPA to meet. They have made a ruling that it is now their policy to deny permission for all youth conferences and it is perhaps a very wise decision that was made when the Howe Conference was cancelled. It means, though, that we are already making plans for the Howe Conference for NEXT year -- hoping that it will become a reality. The Council will perform routine work and plan for the coming year. The schedule provides for a Requiem for our departed bishops, John Hazen White and Campbell Gray at 7:30 A.M. The Conciliar Eucharist is at 10:00 A.M., following Morning Prayer at 9:30 A.M. I hope that every parish in the Diocese will be represented at this first Council at which I preside.

The Children Lead the Way The clergy joked with me at my optimism in expecting the Children's Lenten Offering to be \$2,500.00. My hopes were justified, for it is over that amount! The presentation service was at St. John's, Elkhart, and the banner for the highest per capita went to St. Paul's, Mishawaka. The amounts of the schools were as follows: Bristol, \$30.00; East Chicago, \$29.64; Elkhart, \$300.53; Fort Wayne, \$501.60; Gary, Christ Church, \$100.00; Goshen, \$23.71; Hammond, \$46.43; Hobart, \$18.92; Howe, St. Mark's, \$35.03; Howe School Cadets, \$90.00; Kokomo, \$88.10; LaPorte, \$83.54; Logansport, \$24.92; Marion, \$137.63; Michigan City, \$269.25; Mishawaka, \$290.00; Peru, \$46.52; South Bend, St. James', \$190.17; South Bend, Holy Trinity, \$210.17. Total: \$2,516.16.

Our President May he rest in peace! Our President's death struck this country like a tragedy, and there was an universal turning of the people to God in worship and prayer. Our Diocese reports many services for our fellow-Churchman, the late President. Dean Groton joined in a large community service in Mishawaka, and took the prayers. Father Wheatley broadcast a service at Fort Wayne over WOWO. Father Foster delivered an address at a community service in Gary. I pontificated at a Requiem at St. James', South Bend, on noon of the day of the funeral. Like the symbolic light of the Arch of Triumph in Paris, and the never dying torch of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey, the death of Mr. Roosevelt symbolizes the whole cost and tragedy of War, to us and to all the peoples of the world. He was a man who believed in Prayer, who embraced every great undertaking of his life only after entering God's House and Presence to ask God's blessing upon it: a man not ashamed to recall our nation to God, time after time, publicly, in thanksgiving and prayer. Our Nation has great need of prayer. Pray for a just peace: for our new President: for the San Francisco Conference and its work. We are legion, the peoples of the world who are looking with hope to that conference beginning April 25th. It may well be that out of the suffering and sacrifice of the past years there will be born a new willingness of men to work for the common good. A practical application of our prayers is the gift-offering of clothes for the United Nations Clothing Relief. I know that our people are in the forefront of this neighborly goodwill drive.

Laus Deo It is a great relief from anxiety for the friends of Campbell Gray to learn that he has been liberated and on his way home from the Philippines. We hope to see him and his family soon in Northern Indiana.

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THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The first Annual Council Meeting at which I presided as your Bishop was enthusiastically behind every phase of our work. They adopted a budget for the Diocese and for the National Church that is a noteworthy advance. Our Mission Quota for this year was set at \$4597. We accepted the National Quota asked of us for 1946 of \$4841. Mr. Donald Smith, the Missions Treasurer, makes the following report:

	<u>Expect-</u> <u>ancy</u>	<u>Paid to</u> <u>May 1</u>	<u>No Payments</u> <u>Were Made By</u>
Michigan City, Trinity	\$ 960.00	\$ 320.00	Logansport
South Bend, St. James'	1500.00	375.00	Gas City
St. Paul's, Mishawaka	700.00	204.03	Howe
Kokomo, St. Andrew's	360.00	120.00	Kendallville
Hammond, St. Paul's	600.00	85.44	Huntington
Elkhart, St. John's	900.00	249.60	Wawasee
Marion, Gethsemane	490.00	123.00	Gary, St. Au-
Fort Wayne, Trinity	2000.00	600.00	gustine's
Goshen, St. James'	300.00	60.00	Valparaiso
Hobart, St. Stephen's	35.00	9.00	E.Chicago,
East Chicago, Good			St.Alban's
Shepherd	150.00	50.00	Delphi
Gary, Christ Church	200.00	50.00	Bristol
Plymouth, St. Thomas'	200.00	38.25	Hartford
Peru, Trinity	100.00	50.00	City
Trinity, South Bend	300.00	79.90	
LaPorte, St. Paul's	300.00	150.00	

Election results were: Treasurer, Major James H.Haberly; Treasurer of Missionary Funds, Mr. Donald B.Smith; Assistant Treasurer of Missionary Funds, Mr. Charles M. Richardson; Standing Committee: The Reverend Fathers Robert J. Murphy, D.D., Don H. Copeland, Leslie S. Olson, James E. Foster, Harold G. Kappes; Bishop and Council, Clerical -- The Reverend Fathers Murphy, Foster, Wheatley; Lay --Major F.M.Little, Mr. Edgar Lehman, Mr. E.Lacy Gibson. In the National Church drive for Reconstruction and Advance Fund of \$5 million the chairman for Northern Indiana is Mr. Ronald G. Stagg of Trinity, Fort Wayne.

Endowment Fund

The Council asked the Bishop to appoint a committee to plan to enlarge the endowment of the Diocese. Our present endowment Fund of \$60,000 supplies about \$1800 income toward the upkeep of the Diocese. Any money that is raised will reduce the assessments. It is hoped that there will be parish gifts in large enough amounts to affect the assessments considerably.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at Elkhart was a banner event. Mrs. Lewis presided in fine style. A Panel discussion gave reports of all departments showing larger totals than ever before. Mrs. Salisbury made everyone jubilant by her announcement of \$914 for the spring Thank Offering.

BISHOP GRAY MEMORIAL

The Auxiliary are sponsoring a Memorial for Bishop Gray of which every parish has been informed and may take part. The anniversary of his death is May 16 and it is a fitting time to make this offering to be used after the war in some way for the Crypt Chapel at Howe where he is buried.

CLERGY CONFERENCE

On June 15, the Bishop is holding a Clergy Conference to consider Forward in Service and Reconstruction plans at St.James', South Bend.

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